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March 20, 1979

REGISTERED - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Frank Godina
Ziegler Chemical & Mineral Corp.
Little Bonanza, Utah

RE: Ute 32 Gilsonite Mine
Sec. 32, T. 11S., R. 25E.
Uintah County, Utah
ACT/047/008

Dear Mr. Godina:

As you are aware Division personnel visited the Ute-32 Mine on the afternoon of March 14, 1979. At that time it was obvious that several infractions of the tentatively approved mine plan had occurred:

1. Topsoil was not segregated and stockpiled.
2. Roads were not constructed as per the mine plan specifications.
3. The mine site was covered with junk and trash. The mine plan stipulates that trash is to be deposited in covered 55 gallon drums and transported to the Bonanza dump for disposal.
4. The gilsonite stockpile and waste-rock dump is not located as per the mine plan.
5. Drainage facilities are not present. The mine plan specifies that diversions are to be built to certain specifications to protect surface runoff.

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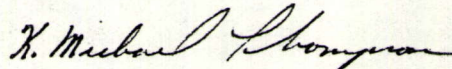
The following actions are necessary, in the Division's opinion, in order to bring the operation into compliance with the mine plan:

1. Segregate and stockpile soil from areas that will be utilized for future waste dumps, stockpiles, shafts and work areas prior to May 15, 1979. Topsoil stockpiles must be revegetated.
2. When weather and soil conditions permit reconstruct the access-haul road as per the mine plan specifications.
3. Remove trash and junk from the mine site prior to May 1, 1979. The plan specifies that this material will be hauled to the Bonanza dump.
4. Segregate and stockpile topsoil from the approved waste dump and stockpile location, move the present material to the designated site, and revegetate the disturbance prior to May 1, 1979; or, submit an amendment to the mine plan covering the existing facilities and their expansion prior to the same date.
5. Re-establish proper drainage through the site and construct runoff diversions after consultation with the Division staff prior to May 15, 1979.

The mine will be re-inspected after the May 15, 1979, deadline. If the violations have not been abated at that time the matter will be referred for action to the Board of Oil, Gas, and Mining as specified in Section 40-8-16 of the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act. Title 40-8, U.C.A., 1953.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the Division staff.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure: Field Inspection Memo

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